

I am a Newtown resident and the mother of 6 and 9-year-old daughters. I am also a teacher at Wilton High School. I have been deeply affected by the tragedy and know that I will never forget the children and educators we lost on December 14th. It's true that there are many unknowns about what happened on that day. But one fact is clear. Twenty-eight lives ended on that day. Twenty-six of them were taken in under ten minutes, using weapons that were designed for the military to do maximum damage in minimum time. Why are they even sold to civilians?

We can never undo the damage that Adam Lanza did, but what can we do? I will not rest until our state and nation takes concrete measures to prohibit access to high powered guns, high capacity magazines, and bullets that rip bodies apart. From my perspective, it's that simple. If these hideous weapons were not available to the general public, more our precious children would be alive. These children, Charlotte, Ben, Caroline, Catherine, and too many others, were my daughter's soccer teammates, dance class buddies, and Sunday school peers. If assault weapons were illegal, maybe my daughter would have been able to play another game with her friends. She would have been able to dance with Caroline again, rather than imagining her dancing in heaven.

Newtown needs strong leaders to say "enough!" to gun violence. There is no place anymore for weapons of mass destruction in Newtown, or in Connecticut, or in the USA. It's a dark legacy that my children and the children of Newtown have to bear. Our innocence was lost on December 14.

Sincerely

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